

ON SEMI-INFINITE COHOMOLOGY OF FINITE DIMENSIONAL ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We show that semi-infinite cohomology of a finite dimensional graded algebra (satisfying some additional requirements) is a particular case of a general categorical construction. An example of this situation is provided by small quantum groups at a root of unity.

1. INTRODUCTION

Semi-infinite cohomology of associative algebras was studied, in particular, by S. Arkhipov (see [Ar1], [Ar2], [Ar3]). Recall that the definition of semi-infinite cohomology in [Ar1] works in the following set-up. We are given an associative graded algebra A , two subalgebras $B, N \subset A$ such that $A = B \otimes N$ as a vector space, satisfying some additional assumptions. In this situation the space of semi-infinite Ext's, $\mathrm{Ext}^{\infty/2+\bullet}(X, Y)$ is defined for X, Y in the bounded derived category of graded A -modules. The definition makes use of explicit complexes.

In this note we show that under some additional assumptions semi-infinite Ext groups $\mathrm{Ext}^{\infty/2+\bullet}(X, Y)$ has a categorical interpretation. More precisely, given a category \mathcal{A} and subcategory $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$ one can define for $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$ the set of morphisms from X to Y "through \mathcal{B} "; we denote this space by $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{B}}}(X, Y)$. We then show that if \mathcal{A} is the bounded derived category of A -modules, and \mathcal{B} is the full triangulated subcategory generated by B -projective A -modules, then, under certain assumptions one has

$$(1) \quad \mathrm{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{B}}}(X, Y[i]).$$

Notice that the right hand side of (1) makes sense for a wide class of pairs (A, B) (an associative algebra, and a subalgebra), and $X, Y \in D^b(A-\mathrm{mod})$; in particular we do not need A, B to be graded. Thus one may consider (1) as providing a generalization of the definition of semi-infinite Ext's to this set up. However, we should warn the reader that under our working assumptions, but not in general, \mathcal{B} also equals the full triangulated subcategory generated by B -injective modules, or by modules (co)induced from a "complemental" subalgebra $N \subset A$, so one has at least four different obvious generalizations of the definition of the right-hand side of (1).

In fact, a description of semi-infinite cohomology similar to (1) in a general situation (in particular, in the case of enveloping algebras of infinite-dimensional Lie algebras) requires additional ideas, and is the subject of a forthcoming joint work with Arkhipov and Positselskii.

An example of the situation considered in this paper is provided by a small quantum group at a root of unity [L], or by the restricted enveloping algebra of a simple Lie algebra in positive characteristic. Computation of semi-infinite cohomology in

the former case is due to S. Arkhipov [Ar1] (the answer suggested as a conjecture by B. Feigin). This example was a motivation for the present work. We informally explain the relation of our Theorem 1 to the answer for semi-infinite cohomology of small quantum groups in Remark 5 below (we plan to derive it from Theorem 1 elsewhere).

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2. CATEGORICAL PRELIMINARIES: MORPHISMS THROUGH A FUNCTOR

Let \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} be (small) categories, and $\Phi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ be a functor. For $X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{A})$ define the set of "morphisms from X to Y through Φ " as π_0 of the category of diagrams

$$(2) \quad X \longrightarrow \Phi(?) \longrightarrow Y, \quad ? \in \mathcal{B}.$$

This set will be denoted by $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y)$. Thus elements of $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y)$ are diagrams of the form (2), with two diagrams identified if there exists a morphism between them. Composing the two arrows in (2) we get a functorial map

$$(3) \quad \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y).$$

If \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} are additive and Φ is an additive functor, then addition of diagrams of the form (2) is defined by

$$(X \xrightarrow{f} \Phi(Z) \xrightarrow{g} Y) + (X \xrightarrow{f'} \Phi(Z') \xrightarrow{g'} Y) = (X \xrightarrow{f \times f'} \Phi(Z \oplus Z') \xrightarrow{g \oplus g'} Y);$$

it induces an abelian group structure on $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y)$. Proposition 3 in [ML], VIII.2 shows that for $Z \in \mathcal{B}$ the tautological map

$$\text{Hom}(X, \Phi(Z)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}(\Phi(Z), Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y)$$

is compatible with addition.

We have the composition map

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X', X) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Y, Y') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X', Y');$$

in particular, for $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \Phi$ additive, $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y)$ is an $\text{End}(X)-\text{End}(Y)$ bimodule.

Given $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}, \Phi' : \mathcal{A}' \rightarrow \mathcal{B}'$ and $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}', G : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}'$ with $F \circ \Phi \cong \Phi' \circ G$ we get for $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$ a map

$$(4) \quad \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}'_\Phi}(F(X), F(Y)).$$

If the left adjoint functor Φ^* to Φ is defined on X , then we have

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\Phi(\Phi^*(X)), Y),$$

because in this case the above category contracts to the subcategory of diagrams of the form $X \xrightarrow{\text{can}} \Phi(\Phi^*(X)) \rightarrow Y$, where *can* stands for the adjunction morphism. If the right adjoint functor $\Phi^!$ is defined on Y , then

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, \Phi(\Phi^!(Y)))$$

for similar reasons. In particular, if Φ is a full imbedding then (3) is an isomorphism provided either X or Y lie in the image of Φ .

In all examples below \mathcal{A} will be a triangulated category, and $\Phi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ will be an imbedding of a (strictly) full triangulated subcategory. Given $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$ we will

tacitly assume Φ to be the imbedding, and write $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_B}$ ("morphisms through B ") instead of $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}$.

Example 1. Let M be a Noetherian scheme, and $\mathcal{A} = D^b(\text{Coh}_M)$ be the bounded derived category of coherent sheaves on M ; let $I : \mathcal{B} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ be the full subcategory of complexes whose cohomology ia supported on a closed subset $i : N \hookrightarrow M$. Then the functor $I \circ I^! = i_* \circ i^!$ takes values in a larger derived category of quasi-coherent sheaves (i.e. ind-coherent sheaves), and $I \circ I^* = i_* \circ i^*$ takes values in the Grothendick-Serre dual category, the derived category of pro-coherent sheaves (introduced in Deligne's appendix to [H]). Still we have

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_B}(X, Y) = \text{Hom}(X, i_*(i^!(Y))) = \text{Hom}(i_*(i^*(X)), Y).$$

In particular, if $X = \mathcal{O}_M$ is the structure sheaf, we get

$$(5) \quad \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_B}(\mathcal{O}_M, Y[i]) = H_N^i(Y),$$

where $H_N^\bullet(Y)$ stands for cohomology with support on N (local cohomology) [H].

3. RECOLLECTION OF THE DEFINITION OF $\text{Ext}^{\infty/2+\bullet}$

All algebras below will be associative and unital algebras over a field.

We recall a variant of definition of semi-infinite Ext's (available under certain restrictions on the algebra and subalgebras) suited for our purpose (see e.g. [FS], §2.4, pp 180-183, for this definition in the particular case of small quantum groups; the general case is analogous).

We make the following assumptions. A \mathbb{Z} -graded algebra A and graded subalgebras $A^0, A^{\leq 0}, A^{\geq 0} \subset A$ are fixed and satisfy the following conditions:

(1) $A^{\leq 0}, A^{\geq 0}$ are graded by, respectively, $\mathbb{Z}^{\leq 0}, \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$, and $A^0 = A^{\leq 0} \cap A^{\geq 0}$ is the component of degree 0 in $A^{\geq 0}$ and in $A^{\leq 0}$.

(2) The maps $A^{\geq 0} \otimes_{A^0} A^{\leq 0} \rightarrow A$ and $A^{\leq 0} \otimes_{A^0} A^{\geq 0} \rightarrow A$ provided by the multiplication map are isomorphisms.

(3) A is finite dimensional; A^0 is semisimple, and $A^{\geq 0}$ is self-injective (i.e. the free $A^{\geq 0}$ -module is injective).

By a "module" we will mean a finite dimensional graded module, unless stated otherwise. By $A - \text{mod}$ we denote the category of (graded finite dimensional) A -modules.

Recall that a bounded below complex of graded modules is called *convex* if the weights "go down", i.e. for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ the sum of weight spaces of degree more than n is finite dimensional. A bounded below complex of graded modules is called *concave* if the weights "go up" in the similar sense.

Lemma 1. *i) Any A -module admits a right convex resolution by A -modules, which are injective as $A^{\geq 0}$ -modules. It also admits a right concave resolution by A -modules, which are $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective.*

ii) Any finite complex of A -modules is a quasiisomorphic subcomplex of a bounded below convex complex of $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective A -modules. It is also a quasiisomorphic subcomplex of a bounded below concave complex of $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective A -modules.

Proof. To deduce (ii) from (i) imbed given finite complex $C^\bullet \in \text{Com}(A - \text{mod})$ into a complex of A -injective modules $I^\bullet \in \text{Com}^{\geq 0}(A - \text{mod})$ (notice that condition (2) above implies that an A -injective module is also $A^{\geq 0}$ and $A^{\leq 0}$ injective), and apply (i) to the module of cocycles $Z^n = I^n / d(I^{n-1})$ for large n .

To check (i) it suffices to find for any $M \in A\text{-mod}$ an imbedding $M \hookrightarrow I$, where I is $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective, and if n is such that all graded components M_i for $i < n$ vanish, then $M_n \xrightarrow{\sim} I_n$. (This would prove the second part of the statement; the first one is obtained from the first one by renotation.) It suffices to take $I = \text{CoInd}_{A \geq 0}^A(\text{Res}_{A \geq 0}^A(M))$. It is indeed $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective, because of the equality

$$(6) \quad \text{Res}_{A \leq 0}^A(\text{CoInd}_{A \geq 0}^A(M)) = \text{CoInd}_{A^0}^{A^{\leq 0}}(M),$$

which is a consequence of assumption (2) above. \square

We set $D = D^b(A\text{-mod})$.

Definition 1. (cf. [FS], §2.4) The assumptions (1–3) are enforced. Let $X, Y \in D$. Let J_{\nwarrow}^X be a convex bounded below complex of $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective (= projective) modules quasiisomorphic to X , and J_{\nearrow}^Y be a concave bounded below complex of $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective modules quasiisomorphic to Y . Then one defines

$$(7) \quad \text{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y) = H^i(\text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\nwarrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y)).$$

Remark 1. Independence of the right-hand side of (7) on the choice of resolutions $J_{\nwarrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y$ follows from the argument below. Since particular complexes used in [Ar1] to define $\text{Ext}^{\infty/2+\bullet}$ satisfy our assumptions, we see that this definition agrees with the one in *loc. cit.*

Remark 2. Notice that Hom in the right-hand side of (7) is Hom in the category of graded modules. As usual, it is often convenient to denote by $\text{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y)$ the graded space which in present notations is written down as $\bigoplus_n \text{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y(n))$, where (n) refers to shift of grading by $-n$.

Remark 3. The next standard Lemma shows that conditions on the resolutions $J_{\nwarrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y$ used in the (7) can be formulated in terms of the subalgebra $A^{\geq 0}$ alone (or, alternatively, in terms of $A^{\leq 0}$ alone); this conforms with the fact that the left-hand side of (11) in Theorem 1 below depends only on $A^{\geq 0}$. However, existence of a "complemental" subalgebra $A^{\leq 0}$ is used in the construction of a resolution J_{\nwarrow}^X with required properties.

Lemma 2. *An A -module is $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective iff it has a filtration with subquotients of the form $\text{CoInd}_{A \geq 0}^A(M)$, $M \in A^{\geq 0}\text{-mod}$.*

Proof. The "if" direction follows from semisimplicity of A^0 , and equality (6) above. To show the "only if" part let M be an $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective A -module. Let M^- be its graded component of minimal degree; then the canonical morphism

$$(8) \quad M \rightarrow \text{CoInd}_{A^0}^{A^{\leq 0}}(M^-)$$

is surjective. If M is actually an A -module, then the projection $M \rightarrow M^-$ is a surjection of $A^{\geq 0}$ -modules, hence yields a morphism

$$(9) \quad M \rightarrow \text{CoInd}_{A \geq 0}^A(M^-).$$

(6) shows that $\text{Res}_{A \leq 0}^A$ sends (9) into (8); in particular (9) is surjective. Thus the top quotient of the required filtration is constructed, and the proof is finished by induction. \square

Remark 4. In two special cases $\text{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y)$ coincides with a traditional derived functor. First, suppose that $\text{Res}_{A \geq 0}^A(X)$ has finite injective (equivalently, projective) dimension; then one can use a finite complex J_{\nwarrow}^X in (7) above. It follows immediately, that in this case we have

$$\text{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}(X, Y[i]).$$

On the other hand, suppose that $\text{Res}_{A \leq 0}^A(Y)$ has finite injective dimension, so that the complex J_{\swarrow}^Y in (7) can be chosen to be finite. To describe semi-infinite Ext's in this case we need another notation. Let A^* denote the co-regular A -bimodule; for $M \in A - \text{mod}$ let $M^\sim = M^* = \text{Hom}_A(M, A^*)$ denote the corresponding right A -module, and we use the same notation for the corresponding functor on the derived categories. Let also $S : D^b(A - \text{mod}) \rightarrow D^+(A - \text{mod})$ be given by $S(Y) = R\text{Hom}_A(A^*, Y)$. Notice that A^* is $A^{\geq 0}$ -projective by self-injectivity of $A^{\geq 0}$; thus Lemma 2 shows that $\text{Ext}_A^i(A^*, N) = 0$ for $i > 0$ if N is $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective. In particular, $S(Y) \in D^b(A - \text{mod})$ if $Y|_{A \leq 0}$ has finite injective dimension. We claim that in this case we have

$$\text{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y) \cong X^\sim \otimes_A^L S(Y).$$

This isomorphism an immediate consequence of the next Lemma. We also remark that if A is a Frobenius algebra, then $S \cong \text{Id}$.

Lemma 3. *Let $M, N \in A - \text{mod}$ be such that M is $A^{\geq 0}$ -projective, while N is $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective. Then we have*

- a) $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, N) = 0$; $\text{Ext}_A^i(A^*, N) = (R^i S)(N) = 0$, $\text{Tor}_i^A(M^\sim, S(N)) = 0$ for $i \neq 0$.
- b) *The natural map*

$$(10) \quad M^\sim \otimes_A S(N) = \text{Hom}_A(M, A^*) \otimes_A \text{Hom}_A(A^*, N) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, N)$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof. The first equality in (a) follows from Lemma 2, and the second one was checked above. Self-injectivity of $A^{\geq 0}$ shows that M^\sim is $A^{\geq 0}$ -projective, and a variant of Lemma 2 ensures that it is filtered by modules induced from $A^{\leq 0}$. Thus it sufficies to show that $S(N)$ is $A^{\leq 0}$ -projective. This follows from isomorphisms

$$\text{Hom}_A(A^*, \text{CoInd}_{A \geq 0}^A(N_0)) = \text{Hom}_{A \geq 0}(A^*, N_0) \cong \text{Hom}_{A \geq 0}((A^{\geq 0})^*, N_0) \otimes_{A^0} A^{\leq 0}.$$

Let us now deduce (b) from (a). Notice that (a) implies that both sides of (10) are exact in N (and also in M), i.e. send exact sequences $0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0$ with N', N'' being $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective into exact sequences. Also (10) is evidently an isomorphism for $N = A^*$. For any $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective N there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow (A^*)^n \xrightarrow{\phi} (A^*)^m$$

with image and cokernel of ϕ being $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective. Thus both sides of (10) turn it into an exact sequence, which shows that (10) is an isomorphism for any $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective N . \square

4. MAIN RESULT

Theorem 1. Let $D_{\infty/2} \subset D$ be the full triangulated subcategory of D generated by $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective (=projective) modules. For $X, Y \in D^b(A - \text{mod})$ we have a natural isomorphism

$$(11) \quad \text{Hom}_{D_{\infty/2}}(X, Y[i]) \cong \text{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y).$$

The proof of Theorem 1 is based on the following

Lemma 4. i) Every graded $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective A -module admits a concave right resolution consisting of A -injective modules.

ii) A finite complex of graded $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective A -modules is quasiisomorphic to a concave bounded below complex of A -injective modules.

Proof. (ii) follows from (i) as in the proof of Lemma 1. (Recall that, according to Hilbert, if a bounded below complex of injectives represents an object $X \in D^b$ which has finite injective dimension, then for large n the module of cocycles is injective.)

To prove (i) it is enough for any $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective module M to find an imbedding $M \hookrightarrow I$, where I is A -injective, and $M_n \xrightarrow{\sim} I_n$ provided $M_i = 0$ for $i < n$. (Notice that cokernel of such an imbedding is $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective, because I is $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective by condition (2).) We can take I to be $\text{CoInd}_{A_{\geq 0}}^A(\text{Res}_{A_{\geq 0}}^A(M))$. Then I is indeed injective, because M is $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective by semi-simplicity of A^0 , and condition on weights is clearly satisfied. \square

Proposition 1. a) Let J_{\nwarrow} be a convex bounded below complex of A -modules. Let J_{\nwarrow}^n be the n -th stupid truncation of J_{\nwarrow} (thus J_{\nwarrow}^n is a quotient complex of J_{\nwarrow}).

Let Z be a finite complex of $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective A -modules. Then we have

$$(12) \quad \text{Hom}_D(X, Z) \xrightarrow{\sim} \varinjlim \text{Hom}_D(J_{\nwarrow}^n, Z).$$

In fact, for n large enough we have

$$\text{Hom}_D(X, Z) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_D(J_{\nwarrow}^n, Z).$$

Proof. Let I_{\nearrow} be a concave bounded below complex of A -injective modules quasiisomorphic to Z (which exists by Lemma 4(ii)). Then the left-hand side of (12) equals $\text{Hom}_{\text{Hot}}(J_{\nwarrow}, I_{\nearrow})$ where Hot stands for the homotopy category of complexes of A -modules. Conditions on weights of our complexes ensure that there are only finitely many degrees for which the corresponding graded components both in J_{\nwarrow} and I_{\nearrow} are nonzero; thus any morphism between graded vector spaces $J_{\nwarrow}, I_{\nearrow}$ factors through the finite dimensional sum of corresponding graded components. In particular, $\text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\nwarrow}^n, I_{\nearrow}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\nwarrow}, I_{\nearrow})$ for large n , and hence

$$\text{Hom}_{D(A-\text{mod})}(J_{\nwarrow}^n, I_{\nearrow}) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Hot}}(J_{\nwarrow}^n, I_{\nearrow}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\text{Hot}}(J_{\nwarrow}, I_{\nearrow})$$

for large n . \square

Proof of the Theorem. We keep notations of Definition 1. It follows from the Proposition that

$$\text{Hom}_{D_{\infty/2}}(X, Y[i]) = \varinjlim_n \text{Hom}_D((J_{\nwarrow}^X)^n, Y[i]).$$

The right-hand side of (11) (defined in (7)) equals $H^i(\text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\nwarrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y))$. Conditions on weights of $J_{\nwarrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y$ show that for large n we have

$$\text{Hom}^\bullet((J_{\nwarrow}^X)^n, J_{\nearrow}^Y) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\nwarrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y).$$

Lemma 2 implies that $\text{Ext}_A^i(M_1, M_2) = 0$ for $i > 0$ if M_1 is $A^{\geq 0}$ -projective, and M_2 is $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective. Thus

$$\text{Hom}_D((J_{\nwarrow}^X)^n, Y[i]) = H^i(\text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\nwarrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y)).$$

The Theorem is proved. \square

Remark 5. This remark concerns with the example provided by a small quantum group. So let \mathfrak{g} be a simple Lie algebra over \mathbb{C} , $q \in \mathbb{C}$ be a root of unity of order l , and let $A = u_q = u_q(\mathfrak{g})$ be the corresponding small quantum group [L]. Let $A^{\geq 0} = b_q \subset u_q$ and $A^{\leq 0} = b_q^- \subset u_q$ be respectively the upper and the lower triangular subalgebras. Then the above conditions (1–3) are satisfied.

Let \mathbb{I} denote the trivial u_q -module. The cohomology $\text{Ext}_{u_q}^\bullet(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I})$, and the semi-infinite cohomology $\text{Ext}^{\infty/2+\bullet}(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I})$ were computed respectively in [GK] and [Ar1]. Let us recall the results of these computations.

Assume for simplicity that l is prime to twice the maximal multiplicity of an edge in the Dynkin diagram of \mathfrak{g} . Let $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ be the cone of nilpotent elements, and $\mathfrak{n} \subset \mathcal{N}$ be a maximal nilpotent subalgebra. Then the Theorem of Ginzburg and Kumar asserts that

$$(13) \quad \text{Ext}^\bullet(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I}) \cong \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{N}),$$

the algebra of regular functions on \mathcal{N} . Also, a Theorem of Arkhipov (conjectured by Feigin) asserts that

$$(14) \quad \text{Ext}^{\infty/2+\bullet}(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I}) \cong H_{\mathfrak{n}}^d(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O}),$$

where d is the dimension of \mathfrak{n} , and $H_{\mathfrak{n}}$ denotes cohomology with support on \mathfrak{n} ; one also has $H_{\mathfrak{n}}^i(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O}) = 0$ for $i \neq d$ (here the choice of \mathfrak{n} is assumed to be compatible with the choice of an upper triangular subalgebra $b_q \subset u_q$ via isomorphism (13) in a natural sense).

The aim of this remark is to point out a formal similarity between (14) and equality (5) in Example 1 above. Namely, the Ginzburg-Kumar isomorphism (13) yields a functor $F : D^b(u_q - \text{mod}) \rightarrow \text{Coh}(\mathcal{N})$, $F(X) = \text{Ext}^\bullet(\mathbb{I}, X)$, such that $F(\mathbb{I}) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{N}}$ is the structure sheaf. It is easy to see that if $X \in D^b(u_q - \text{mod})$ has finite projective (equivalently, injective) homological dimension over b_q , then the support of $F(X)$ lies in \mathfrak{n} (here by support we mean set-theoretic rather than scheme-theoretic support, so the coherent sheaf $F(X)$ may be annihilated by some power of the ideal of \mathfrak{n}). Thus if we assume for a moment that the functor F can be lifted to a triangulated functor $\tilde{F}' : D^b(u_q - \text{mod}) \rightarrow D^b(\text{Coh}(\mathcal{N}))$, then (4) and Theorem 1 would yield a morphism from the left-hand side to the right-hand side of (14). Here we say that \tilde{F}' is a lifting of F if $F \cong R\Gamma \circ \tilde{F}'$, where $R\Gamma(\mathcal{F}) = \bigoplus_i H^i(\mathcal{F})$ for $\mathcal{F} \in D^b(\text{Coh}(\mathcal{N}))$.

It is easy to see that such a functor \tilde{F}' does not exist. A meaningful version of the argument is as follows. Let \mathbf{O} be the differential graded algebra $R\text{Hom}_{u_q}(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I})$ (thus \mathbf{O} is a well-defined object of the category of differential graded algebras with inverted quasiisomorphisms); the Ginzburg-Kumar theorem (13) shows that the cohomology algebra $H^\bullet(\mathbf{O}) \cong \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{N})$. Let $DGmod(\mathbf{O})$ be the triangulated category of differential graded modules over \mathbf{O} with inverted quasiisomorphisms. Let $D \subset DGmod(\mathbf{O})$ be the full subcategory of DG-modules whose cohomology is a finitely generated module over $H^\bullet(\mathbf{O}) = \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{N})$, and let $D_{\infty/2} \subset D$ be the full triangulated

subcategory of DG-modules, whose cohomology is a coherent sheaf on \mathcal{N} supported (set-theoretically) on \mathfrak{n} .

We have a functor $\tilde{F} : D^b(u_q - \text{mod}) \rightarrow D$ given by $\tilde{F} : X \mapsto R\text{Hom}(\mathbb{I}, X)$. It is easy to see that \tilde{F} sends complexes of finite homological dimension over b_q to $D_{\infty/2}$; and that $\tilde{F}(\mathbb{I}) = \mathbf{O}$. Thus, by Theorem 1, (4) provides a morphism

$$\text{Ext}^{\infty/2+\bullet}(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I}) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{D_{D_{\infty/2}}}^{\bullet}(\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}).$$

One can then show that this morphism is an isomorphism; and also that the DG-algebra \mathbf{O} is *formal* (quasi-isomorphic to the DG-algebra $H^{\bullet}(\mathbf{O})$ with trivial differential), which implies that

$$\text{Hom}_{D_{D_{\infty/2}}}^{\bullet}(\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}) \cong H_{\mathfrak{n}}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O})$$

(notice that the latter isomorphism is not compatible with homological gradings). This yields the isomorphism (14).

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